**Adoption of zoological animals**

3863. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proper preservation of wild animals at zoological parks in Hyderabad, Vishakhapatnam and Tirupati;

(b) whether there is any plan to launch any scheme for adoption of zoological animals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are Government's plans to improve their preservation conditions?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, Indira Gandhi Zoological Park, Vishakhapatnam and Tirupati Zoo are amongst the well managed zoos of the country.

(b) and (c) Certain zoos have already a scheme for adoption of zoo animals in place, where individuals can give donations for meeting the feeding cost of animals of their choice the zoo identified by them.

(d) The Central Zoo Authority provides funding to zoos for improving the animal housing, upkeep and healthcare facilities.

**Regularisation of encroachments in forests**

3864. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals sent by the State Governments for regularisation of encroachments in forests have been approved;

(b) if not, the names of the States whose proposals have not been approved so far; and

(c) what are the criteria on the basis of which regularisation is approved?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The list of proposals received so far from different State Governments/Union Territory Administration for regularisation of encroachment of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 with status of each of these proposals is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) As per the various Rules and Guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 only such cases of forest encroachments are eligible for regularisation, where the State Governments had evolved certain eligibility criteria in accordance with local needs and conditions and had taken a decision to regularise such encroachments but could not implement their decision either wholly or partially before the enactment of the Forest (Conservation) Act, on 25.10.80.

**Statement**

*List of proposals received from States/U.Ts. for regularisation of encroachment of forest land*

| No. | Name of States/U.T | District | Area (Ha.) | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | Andaman | 1,367 | Approved. |
| 2. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | Andaman | 89 | Rejected for want of information. |
| 3. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | Andaman | 735 | Proposal incomplete. Additional information sought from UT Administration. |
| 4. | Arunachal Pradesh | Dibang | 10,545 | Proposal incomplete. Additional information sought from the State. |
| 5. | Arunachal Pradesh | Dibang | 13,419.29 | Approved in principle. |
| 6. | Gujarat | Dang, Panchmahal, Sabarkantha etc. | 10,900 | Approved. |

| No. | Name of States/U.T | District | Area (Ha.) | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7. | Gujarat | Vadodra, Dang, Surat etc. | 39,750.59 | Approved for 21082.33 ha. |
| 8. | Karnataka | Bijapur | 46.80 | Rejected as these were post 1980 encroachments. |
| 9. | Karnataka | Chickmaglur, D. Kannada, Mysore and U. Kannada | 732.24 | Rejected on merit. |
| 10. | Karnataka | 19 different districts | 17007.2 | Approved for diversion of 14,848.83 ha. |
| 11. | Kerala | Idduki, Ernakulam, Kollam, Thirssur & Pathanamthitta | 28,588.159 | Approved. |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | All districts | 1.03 lakh | Approved. |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | All districts | 1,82,889.7 | Under process. |
| 14. | Maharashtra | Dhule | 10,185.32 | Proposal incomplete. Additional information has been sought from the State. |
| 15. | Maharashtra | Gadchiroli and other districts | 28,886.410 | Withdrawn. |
| 16. | Maharashtra | 4 Divisions | 335.65 | Proposal incomplete. Additional information has been sought from the State. |

| No. | Name of States/U.T | District | Area (Ha.) | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17. | Orissa | 15 districts | 3449.7952+ 446.995 | Proposal incomplete. Additional information has been sought from the State. |
| 18. | Rajasthan | 10 districts | 3171.42 | discussed in Advisory Committee on 18.11.98 and additional information sought from State on 2.12.1998. Reminded on 30.7.1999. |

**Review of Management of National Parks**

3865. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have, at any stage, reviewed the management of various National Parks in the country and the growing problem of poaching of protected animals there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the deficiencies and shortcomings noticed in the existing management system of National Parks, leading to the growing problem of poaching of protected animals;

(d) the measures contemplated by Government to strengthen the management system of National Parks; and

(e) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government would consider to set up expert Committee for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment & Forests